

# Acquisition Reform Success Story



## Theater Battle Management Core Systems (TBMCS)

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### Program Description

The Theater Battle Management Core Systems (TBMCS) program provides the Combat Air Forces and the Joint/Combined Forces with an automated and integrated capability to plan and execute the air battle plan for operations and intelligence personnel at the force and unit levels.

### How Streamlining Made a Difference

Prior to establishing an integrated TBMCS program, the Air Force pursued force, unit, and intelligence automation under separate programs. As such, there were three distinct program offices with over 84 government personnel. The program work was being performed by over 10 distinct contractors and government agencies. By consolidating this effort under a single Integration and Development (I&D) contractor and a single program office, required manpower was reduced by 27% over a single year. Instead of doing multiple source selections for each individual program, a single award was made for the TBMCS I&D effort and a single award is being pursued for common TBM hardware. In addition, the consolidation of I&D responsibility will allow the government to exit the integration business and allow the contractor to seamlessly integrate the systems in FY 98.

Measure	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
Government Personnel	84	57	41
Contracts	8	5	2
Program Savings	0	\$15M	\$4.5M

**Bottom Line:** The TBMCS program consolidated the effort of three separate program offices and over 10 development organizations into a single integrated program office with a single integration and development contractor and companion hardware contract (doing it **better**). This consolidation reduced the manpower necessary to manage the program (doing it **cheaper**) and increased the ability of the contractor to accomplish development and integration--resulting in a fully integrated system provided to Air Force combat units in FY 98 (doing it **faster**).